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OF U-2 PROCUREMENT
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SUMMARY OF U-2 AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT
SPRING 1963 TO PRESENT

In the spring of 1963 the DCI verbally requested two U-2's be transferred from DOD assets to bring Agency inventory up to 9 aircraft. He followed up with a memo on 21 May to which the Deputy Secretary of Defense replied affirmatively. It is apparent that DOD/JCS objections were raised, but on 11 June the decision was reaffirmed, with one aircraft scheduled for delivery on 1 July and the second on 9 September 1963.

On 24 June, at the request of Secretary of Defense, three Agency U-2's were loaned to SAC for use in Cuba. The Agency inventory reduced to five aircraft. In anticipation of a staging requirement for Sino-Indian Border coverage, AD/OSA, in late July, requested that one of the loaned aircraft be returned to the Agency. Thereupon ensued an exchange of views between the DOD and the Agency on the validity of AD/OSA's request. The round ended with one aircraft being returned to Agency control.

The acquisition in September of one of the aircraft promised in May was offset by the loss of an aircraft on a 25X1 mission. Aircraft available to the Agency remained at six. Following the loss at Key West SAC returned the remaining Agency aircraft, bringing Agency assets up to 7 aircraft.

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Commencing in January 1964, several efforts were made for replacement aircraft. One aircraft was provided for 25X1 conversion in April, but two ☐ losses brought the inventory down to six by mid-year.

Since July two U-2's have been acquired for conversion to J-75 and one J-57 is on loan from AFFTC for test purposes for lack of operationally ready aircraft in the Agency inventory.

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RESUME OF U-2 AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT ACTIONS
SINCE SPRING 1963

ITEM	DATE	DOCUMENT	PRECIS	ACTION	INVENTORY OF U-2's AVAILABLE TO CIA
1.	21 May 1963	Memo, DCI to Dep Sec Def	Confirming recent telecon requesting 2 DOD U-2's for J-75 configuration	See 2 below	342, 350 352, 355 356, 358 359
2.	22 May 1963	Note to DCI from Dep Sec Def	Agreement to above with copy of Memo to SAF directing such transfer	USAF directed to supply aircraft	7
3.	5 June 1963	Memo to DCI from Dep Sec Def	Statement of DOD utilization of U-2's	None required	7
4.	5 June 1963	Memo, DCI to Dep Sec Def	Statement of CIA utilization of U-2's	None required	7
5.	10 June 1963	Memo, DCI from DDR	Views on transfer of U-2's to CIA	None required	7
6.	11 June 1963	Memo, Dep Sec Def to SAF & JCS Info: DCI	Reaffirming decision of 22 May. (See above, Item 2)	a/c #348 trans'rd 1 July 1963. a/c 362 sked for 9 Sept. '63	342, 348 350, 352 355, 356 358, 359
7.	24 June 1963	Memo, DDCI From AD/OSA	Quotes <u>25X1</u> transferring 3 CIA U-2's to SAC for Cuba coverage	a/c 350, 356, 359 to SAC, 25 July 1963	5

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8.	23 July 1963	Memo, DDR From AD/OSA	Retention of one of the three U-2's loaned to SAC	See Item 9 below	5	
9.	24 July 1963	Memo, DDR to AD/OSA	Result of Item 8 presenta- tion to A/DCI's staff meet- ing	Prepare a staff study for DDCI	5	
10.	26 July 1963	Memo, DCI from DDR	Requests DCI ask Sec Def for return of U-2's from SAC	DDCI to handle matter	5	
11.	16 August 1963	Memo to DNRO from Dir, Program B	Requests recall of U-2's from SAC		5	
12.	19 August 1963	Memo to DCI from Dep Sec Def	Transmitting JRC views on CIA's need for J-75 a/c for Sino-Indian coverage	Suggests DCI- Dep Sec Def discussion of matter	5	
13.	21 August 1963	Memo to DDCI from AD/OSA	Reasons why J-57 a/c would not be advisable for Sino- Indian coverage	None required	5	
14.	22 August 1963	Memo from DDCI to DD/S&T	Result of DCI-Dep Sec Def discussion, return one U-2 to CIA	One a/c returned CIA. 30 August 1963	6	
		SEE ITEM 6		One a/c trans- ferred from DOD to CIA (#362) 9 Sept 1963	7	342, 348 356, 352 355, 358 359, 362 350

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15.	18 October 1963	Memo to DCI from DD/S&T	Analysis of SAC and CIA U-2's	None required	7	
	AIRCRAFT LOST	25X1 [redacted]	30 OCTOBER 1963		6	342, 348 350, 352 356, 358 359, 362
16.	18 November 1963	Memo, DCI to Dep Sec Def	Request two remaining U-2's be returned from SAC	See Item 17 below	6	
	AIRCRAFT LOST, KEY WEST, 20 NOVEMBER 1963				6	352, 342 348, 356 358, 359 362
17.	20 November 1963	Memo to DCI from Dep Sec Def	JCS instructed to return last U-2 to CIA	a/c returned 23 November 1963	7	
18.	6 January 1964	Memo to DCI from DD/S&T	Requests DCI ask DOD for replacement a/c for loss at Key West (Also reviews engine inventory)	DCI signs letter- See 18 below	7	
19.	9 January 1964	Memo from DCI to Dep Sec Def (Gilpatric)	Requests DOD replace lost a/c	None [redacted]	7	
20.	4 March 1964	Memo to AD/OSA from PS/OSA	Re CIA-DOD equipment loan agreement	None required	7	

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21.	12 March 1964	Memo, DCI to Dep Sec Def (Vance)	Reiterates request of Item 19, above	One a/c earmarked for transfer		
		AIRCRAFT LOST, 25X1	22 MARCH 1964		6	342, 348 352, 358 359, 362
				a/c #349 trans- ferred to LAC 10 April 1964	7	342, 348 349, 352 358, 359 362
22.	3 June 1964	Memo to DCI from AD/OSA	Request for two U-2's from USAF to CIA w/letter for DCI's signature	Letter not signed	7	
		AIRCRAFT LOST, 25X1	7 JULY 1964		6	342, 348 349, 352 358, 359
23.	25X1 28 July 1964	[] to SAC	Transfer U-2 #385 to * CIA	3 August 1964 to CIA	8 1	
24.	30 July 1964	25X1 [] to LAC	Convert #385 to J-75		7	
25.	10 August 1964	25X1 [] to LAC	Convert #382 * to J-75	10 August 1964 to CIA	8	342, 348 349, 352 358, 359 382, 385
26.	5 August 1964	In addition to the above, CIA presently has on loan from AFFTC U-2 #368A				

* How U-2's 385 and 382 were procured is unknown.

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